



Building Safety Department
CITY OF ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

EGRESS WINDOW REQUIREMENTS

No clear opening height dimension may be less than 24".

No clear opening width dimension may be less than 20".

Specification for egress windows installed before April 11, 1983 require:

1. Distance from the floor to the finished sill to be no more than 48".
2. Window must have a clear openable area of at least 720 square inches.

Specifications for egress windows installed after April 11, 1983 require:

1. Distance from the floor to the finished sill to be no more than 44".
2. Window must have a clear openable area of at least 820 square inches.

When new and/or replacement windows are being installed into an existing structure, they must meet the new requirements for sill height and clear openable area.

TYPICAL EXAMPLES OF THE REQUIRED DIMENSIONS OF WINDOWS THAT MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Installed before April 11, 1983

<u>WIDTH</u>		<u>HEIGHT</u>
20	X	36
21	X	34 ½
22	X	33
23	X	31 ½
24	X	30
25	X	29
26	X	27 ¾
27	X	27
28	X	26
29	X	25
30	X	24

Installed after April 11, 1983

<u>WIDTH</u>		<u>HEIGHT</u>
20	X	41
21	X	39 ¼
22	X	37 ½
23	X	35 ¾
24	X	34 ¼
25	X	33
26	X	31 ¾
27	X	30 ½
28	X	29 ½
29 ½	X	28
30	X	27 ½
31 ½	X	26 ¼
33	X	25
34	X	24 ¼